

White Noel W
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

White Noel W

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/04/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner

☒ Officer _____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

Sr. Group VP Tyson Fresh Meats

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Class A Common Stock

55,178

D

A

Class A Common Stock

27,031

I

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:

6. Nature of
Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	10/10/2004 ⁽¹⁾	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,008	\$ 9.64	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/19/2005 ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	2,400	\$ 13.33	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/29/2006 ⁽¹⁾	09/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	6,000	\$ 15.96	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2007 ⁽¹⁾	11/16/2015	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 16.35	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/17/2008 ⁽¹⁾	11/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 15.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2009 ⁽¹⁾	11/16/2017	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 15.06	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/14/2010 ⁽¹⁾	11/14/2018	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 4.9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/30/2010 ⁽²⁾	11/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 12.02	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
White Noel W 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Â	Â	Â Sr. Group VP Tyson Fresh Meats	Â

Signatures

Noel White 12/07/2009

 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) The Stock Options vest at 40% on the second anniversary date of the grant and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (2) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for the following two years.

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